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HORTICULTURE AND FLORICULTURE DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh is a leading State in the horticulture and floriculture development;

(b) if so, the details thereof and total production made by Andhra Pradesh in this regard during the last three years;

(c) the total financial assistance provided by the Union Government to the State ofAndhra Pradesh for increasing cold storage facilities during the same period;

(d) whether the agenda adopted at the National Horticulture Conference in November,1998 has been fully implemented by the Union Government so far;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b): Andhra Pradesh is one of the leading States in the production of fruits andflowers though horticulture includes fruits, vegetables, flowers, spices, mushroom and plantation crops etc. The details of production of fruits and flowers during the last three years are given below:

Year	Fruits (In MT)	Flowers
1996-97	5657729	22848
1997-98	5899112	32900
1998-99	4300747	32000

(c): Government of India, through the National Horticulture Board (NHB), has provided the financial assistance amounting to Rs.115.00 lakhs to various organizations located in Andhra Pradesh under its scheme namely, `Integrated Project on Management of Post Harvest Infrastructure of Horticultural Crops` (PHM) in the form of soft loan during the sameperiod and Agricultural Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)has set up a Cargo handling and cold storage at International Airport, Hyderabad, at a cost of Rs.160.00 lakhs.

(d) to (f): The agenda adopted in National Horticulture Conference held in November, 1998 had focussed on programme for Integrated Development of Onion & Potato; additionalcold storage capacity in the country for perishable horticultural crops; promotion of tissue culture and biotechnology for production of good quality planting material, new initiative for North Easternregion and hilly and tribal areas. The recommendations made in the Conference have been implemented by the Union Government as under:

1. Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for creation of 12 lakhs tonnes of new coldstorages, 8 lakh tonne of expansion/modernisation of cold storages and 4.5 lakh tonnes of storages have been approved and being implemented.

2. The tissue culture and bio-technology have been promoted through the CentralSector/Centrally Sponsored Scheme in Ninth Plan for the production of quality planting material.

3. The Scheme − `Integrated Development of Horticulture in Hilly and Tribal Areas`with an outlay of Rs.10 crores has been approved and is being implemented in six states including Andhra Pradesh.

4. A Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture has beenformulated wherein all the issues of horticultural

development are addressed under four Mini Missions with emphasis on synergy and convergence.